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DUES: Have you paid your 1991 dues yet???? Dues in The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are \$10.00 per calendar year and should be sent to our Membership Chairman - Don Robb, P. O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4C2.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well another year has gone by, a few of our members have passed away, some new ones have joined, and at the year end one hundred and forty nine members were on the books. Due to health reasons in my family I have not been as active as usual in the hobby, and have been unable to keep up with my correspondence, for those that I did not find time to answer, please forgive me. I did find time to put out a 16 page listing of new woods issued from July 1988 to August 1990, and am working on the complete updating of the Catalogue, so if you know of any errors or unlisted woods please drop me a line with the information. If sending a photo copy please advise of the colours on both sides, as I need it for my listings. I attended the C.N.A. in B.C. and enjoyed meeting old and new acquaintances. Looking forward to 1991 C.N.A. in Toronto and we plan on a special Hospitality Room for Wooden Money and Trade Dollar Collectors to get together on the Saturday, to swap tales, Woods, or Trade Dollars. The breakfast Meeting is still Sunday Morning. The last update on our membership we have 55 renewals for 1991 so far, so send your dues to Don Robb if you have not already do so.

THE EXECUTIVE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A HEALTH NEW YEAR  
NORM BELSTEN PRESIDENT

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH: Thanks to member Bernie Walker who was fortunate to find a commercial wood at a flea market for a business no longer in existence in Calgary. The wood is printed in black.





**ELECTIONS:** This July is election time again for CAWMC. Enclosed with this issue of Timber Talk is a sample 'Nomination Form' that you may use. No specific form is required. All we need is the signatures of the nominator and the nominee and an indication as to the elected position being sought. Send nominations to the Editor so that the ballots can be sent out in a future issue of the bulletin.

**NEW WOOD LIST:** Do you have your 1988 - 1990 16 page listing of new woods? Norm Belsten has compiled the list which will appear in the future in the next wood catalogue. If you wish a copy of the list send \$2.00 to cover printing and postage to Norm at: 37 Neames Cres Downsview, Ontario M3L 1K8. This is a very worthwhile list for all collectors of Canadian wood.

**CHRISTMAS WOOD:** Speaking of Norm Belsten, below is his Christmas wood and that of Don Robb.



Wishing you pleasures,  
big and small...  
for the merriest

Christmas Day of all  
FROM  
NORM & MAY  
BELSTEN

1990



To wish you many  
blessings at Christmas  
time and throughout  
the coming year

FROM  
DON ROBB  
& FAMILY  
1990

**MAIL AUCTION:** Al advised me that he is working on the results of the last Mail Auction, however he had typewriter problems so will get the list done ASAP.

**NEW WOOD:** Coin Shows are being sponsored across Canada now that Spring is here. Are you aware of any new woods being issued? If so, please advise the Editor so that other members of CAWMC may be informed. Let's share our knowledge. If possible - number made and availability would be much appreciated. Thanks.



SOUTHERN ONTARIO CHAPTER MEETING: Bruce Watt reports:

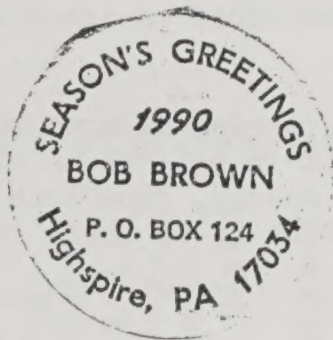
At 3:00 PM Saturday the 27th of April 1991 in Room 121 in the Holiday Inn in Oshawa the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC will be conducting a meeting during the Ontario Numismatic Association's 29th Annual Convention in Oshawa, Ontario. CAWMC President Norm Belsten will be presiding.

NEW WOOD: CAWMC Member Paul Johnson of P. O. Box 2635 - Station 'F', Scarborough, Ontario M1W 3P2 has issued a new wood to commemorate his 25 years in Numismatic. He will send one to any member requesting it if they enclose a SASE (46¢ in Canadian postage to U. S. addresses). Thanks Paul. Wood will be shown next month.

WOOD: I discovered this wood in the bottom of one of my Timber Talk 'to be printed' envelopes and don't recall printing it before. Anyway it is another wood unearthed by Al Munro and is printed in black on both sides.



BOB BROWN'S CHRISTMAS WOOD: The wood is printed in green (name side) and red. Bob advises that he has none left to trade/sell.



HUMOR: (?) Member Harvey Farrow suggested a contest - Which member received their wooden nickel in the most number of pieces? Sometimes we are very lucky with the Post Office and sometimes we aren't. We keep hoping for the best.

NEW WOOD: The Calgary Numismatic Society issued 1000 wood, printed in blue, for their show - April 6-7, 1991. It is shown below and more information will be provided later.





ONA AND WOOD MEETING: Remember reading about the wood meeting on Page 2? Do you wonder what happens at such a meeting? Don Robb prepared a summary of last years meeting.

Meeting of Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C.  
O.N.A. Convention, Kitchener-Waterloo, April 28, 1990.  
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Norm Belsten, President of C.A.W.M.C., was chairman for the meeting. He extended a welcome to the 25 members and guests in attendance.

The meeting featured an auction of many lots of wood tokens with several of the lots including scarce material. Norm Belsten did a fine job as auctioneer and he was able to generate active bidding. There were many bargains as usual, but also some surprisingly high bids for some of the scarcer material.

An additional feature of the meeting was that no fewer than 5 new members were signed up. This raised the number of new members for 1990 to 16 and the total 1990 membership for C.A.W.M.C. to 141.

Sets of 6 specially prepared Convention Woods were issued for the 1990 O.N.A. Convention which was hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. Some of these sets are still available at \$5.75 post paid. Direct your mail orders to Don Robb at Box 724, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 4C2.

Three C.A.W.M.C members also issued personal Wood Tokens for the Convention. Ross Kingdon and Ron Zelk took advantage of the special 1990 Convention design, while Albert Kasman chose to issue without using the special "Die".

All in all a very successful meeting. Mention was made of the Wood Show being planned for Niagara Falls. Check-in will be on Friday, June 8th, with the Show extending through Sunday, June 10th. You can expect to hear lots more about this. Plan to be there to join in the fun.

Don Robb, Membership Chairman,  
C.A.W.M.C.

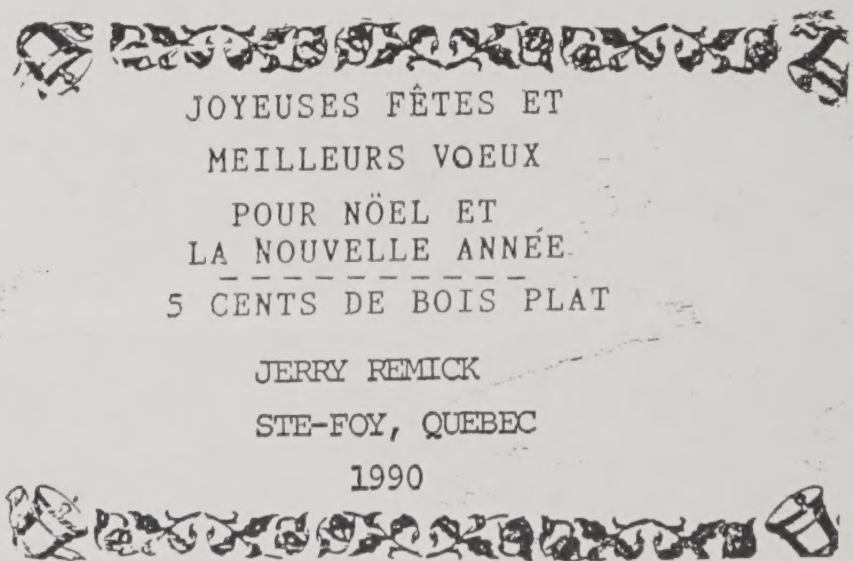
ONA 1990 WOODS: There were six woods issued during the above Convention. Although the copies may be a bit dark they are shown below and on the following page. As shown the first wood is black/gold, the second is blue/brown and on the next page - top left the wood is red/silver (only word in silver is 'Banquet', top right is black/gold, bottom left is blue/brown and bottom right is red/silver (the silver design is the same as the red design).







FRENCH CHRISTMAS WOOD: Jerry Remick of Box 9183, Ste. Foy, P. Q. G1V 4B1 also issued a wood flat in French as depicted below. Jerry had 5 different Christmas woods printed on hard maple with bright hot-stamped colors. Only 20 of each were made. Jerry was selling them at 50¢ each + 50¢ for postage. If interested you can write and see if he has any left.



#### ARTICLE BY JERRY REMICK:

EVER INCREASING POSTAL COSTS MAKING IT EXPENSIVE TO MAIL OUT WOODS - WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM - LET'S HERE FROM YOU

The metoric rise in postal rates for a first class letter over the past two decades in Canada poses a big hardship to those woodies who enjoy mailing out their woods to others.

With first class mail to a Canadian address now at 40¢, or 43¢ with GST, it now costs more to mail out a round wood than the actual cost of the wood. Postal rates to the United States are even higher.

Surely these high postal costs are going to make it inreasingly difficult to mail out



Jerry's article continued...

woods in the near future and I feel the rates are prohibitive now for some of our members. Right now it costs \$1.00 or more to obtain a single wood that one must write for. This takes into account the cost of the wood and postage both ways. Our American members have it a little bit better - with lower postage costs.

What is the answer to the problem posed by the high postal costs involved in ordering and mailing out individual woods? I really do not know. I ask for your suggestions.

Here are a few possibilities. More collectors, myself included, will be bringing woods to coin shows and to coin conventions to give out to fellow woodies. This could include Christmas woods, some of which may be given out in the heat of July during the Annual CNA Convention.

A central depot for mailing out a group of woods issued by various collectors is another possibility. The issuer would send the depot a certain quantity of his woods and the person in charge would list them. Once or twice a year a list of available woods could be sent out. To save on postage maybe the list could be sent out with Timber Talk. Those desiring certain woods on the list could order them and pay the postal costs indicated on the list. If the wood was for sale, the person in charge of the project could collect the money. This proposition would have to be modified and refined over time but it might work.

What do you think? Why not drop Jerry a line. (His address is on Page 5.)

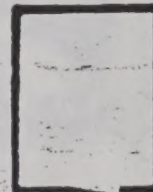
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CARD

FRANK SLIDE



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POSTAGE 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS



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